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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Honorable Commissioner of
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Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.56 and 1.97(b), the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the following reference listed on the attached PTO-1449. The undersigned believes that this Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits for the above-referenced application. Accordingly, Applicants do not believe that a fee is due for filing this paper.

A copy of the document listed on the PTO-1449 is attached. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the listed document and evidence that consideration of relevant portions thereof by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

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If there is any fee due in connection with the filing of this Statement, please charge the fee to our Deposit Account No. 50-1390.

Respectfully submitted,

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